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In re Patent Application of

**LOCARNINI et al**

Serial No. **09/306,420**

Filed: **06 May 1999**

Title: **VIRAL VARIANTS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING SAME**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action and the Notice to Comply dated July 27, 1999 (copy attached), entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 6, line 10, after "follows:" insert ~~/(SEQ ID NO: 24)--;~~

line 15, after "acids:" insert ~~/(SEQ ID NO: 25)--;~~ and

line 22, after "YMDD" insert ~~/(SEQ ID NO: 30)--.~~

Page 8, line 30, "sequence:" insert ~~/(SEQ ID NO: 27)--.~~

Page 9, line 25, after "sequence:" insert ~~/(SEQ ID NO: 28)--.~~

Page 10, line 24, delete "5" and insert ~~/(6--.~~

Page 12, line 22, after "below:" insert ~~/(SEQ ID NO: 29)--.~~

Page 15, line 8, after "(13, 14)" insert ~~/(SEQ ID NOS: 31-35)--;~~